

REMINDER FOR TEENS TURNING 18 YEARS OLD

Give this notice right away to your child who will be turning 18 years old within the next 60 days.

If you are 18 years old and don't have children

You can still get cash aid as part of your parent's case after your 18th birthday ONLY if you:

Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, AND

Are expected to finish school before reaching 19 years old.

If you are 18 years old and have a child of your own and/or are pregnant

You have a choice...

① You can continue to get cash aid as part of your parent's case after your 18th birthday ONLY if you:

- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, AND
- Are expected to finish school before reaching 19 years old.

If you decide to stay with your parent/caretaker's case, you do not have to do anything.

- OR -

② You can choose to start your own case. **Call your county worker right away if you want to start your own case.** That way you won't lose any cash aid you are eligible for.

Here are some things you need to know before starting your own case:

- You do NOT have to move out of your parent/caretaker's home to have your own case.
- Your CalWORKs time limits for getting cash aid will not start until you leave the Cal-Learn Program.
- As the head of your case, YOU must report certain changes to your county worker each quarter. There are also some things you must report within ten days of the change. You can ask your worker about the changes you have to report.
- If you start your own case, your parent or caretaker will get less cash aid. If you are the only child counted in your parent or caretaker's case, they will no longer get cash aid.
- If the Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule was applied to your child while you were a dependent minor parent, your child can be counted in your cash aid payment when you are in your own case.
- If you have questions about whether you should start your own case, call the county welfare office or local legal services office.